

GEORGE MEANY, Secretary-Treasurer

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## Many Benefits Gained For Workers

Higher Wages, Shorter Hours, Social Justice Progress, and Freedom From Discharge for Union Membership Included by Secretary-Treasurer Meany Among Achievements for Those Who Toil for Their Living Stresses Importance of A. F. of L. Non-Partisan Policy, Demands End of Unemployment, Opposes Communist-Nazi-Fascist Philosophies and Urges Unity in Family of Labor.

By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Washington, D. C.—Strong emphasis on the achievements of the American Federation of Labor for working men and women featured a radio address here by George Meany, Secretary-Treasurer of the Federation, over a commercial station, the National Broadcasting Company.

The forty-hour week and an average weekly wage of \$40.50 for members of A. F. of L. unions, improvement of work conditions, unemployment and workmen's compensation, old age pensions, and the right to join trade unions without discharge from employment were included by Mr. Meany in his address to the workers since the organization of the American Federation of Labor.

In addition, Mr. Meany stressed the necessity of promptly abolishing the curse of unemployment, emphasized the advantages of the A. F. of L. non-partisan political policy, outlined the Federation's opposition to the philosophies of Communism, Nazism and Fascism, and urged unity in the family of labor.

**TEXT OF MEANY'S ADDRESS**

Following is the text of Mr. Meany's address:

"The American Federation of Labor is a constructive force for good in our nation. It is a vast organization, composed of more than four and a

average wage of \$19.70. This was barely enough to provide food for his family and a place to live. Decent housing, proper food, adequate medical care and full educational opportunities were denied to the great

"I want to talk to you tonight

about what the American Federation of Labor means to each and every one of us, what it has accomplished during its sixty-year history, what it is trying to do now and what it purposes to do in the future.

"Primarily, the American Federation of Labor is an economic organization. It seeks to obtain higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions for American workers. Its record of progress in this respect

Higher Wages and Shorter Hours Gained

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## A. F. of L. Is Ready to Consider Plans For Organized Labor Unity

**Green Tells Clergymen That Responsibility For Break Up of Peace Negotiations Cannot Be Linked to the American Federation**

Washington, D. C.—Recently an appeal requesting the resumption of peace negotiations between the American Federation of Labor and the Com-

gress of Industrial Organizations was sent to President William Green, of the American Federation of Labor, and John L. Lewis, head of the C. I. O., by Rt. Rev. Marr. John A. Ryan, Director of the Department

of Social Action or the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Rev. James Myers, Industrial Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and Rabbi Edward L. Israel, Chairman of the Social Jus-

On February 25, President Green made public the following reply to the clergymen who signed the appeal: The Very Reverend Monsignor John

**A. Ryan,**  
Director, Department of Social Action,  
National Catholic Welfare Conference,  
Washington, D. C.

**WILLIAM GREEN,** President,  
American Federation of Labor

You can readily see by this explanation that you do not need to apply to the American Federation of Labor

your associates, who signed the letter you sent me dated February 17, manifest in the settlement of the differences which exist within the ranks of organized labor within the United States is deeply appreciated.

The inquiries you submit, the suggestions you offer, and the opinions you express show that you and your associates are inspired by sentiments of friendship and goodwill toward the organized labor movement.

The American Federation of Labor has repeatedly emphasized its willingness to confer, through a committee, with a committee representing the C. I. O. for the purpose of bringing about a settlement of the division

which exists within the ranks of labor. The position of the American Federation of Labor was set forth in a telegram I addressed to the President of the United States by direction of the Fifty-Ninth Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor with

Cincinnati Ohio,  
October 8, 1899.  
Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,

I thank you sincerely for your letter dated September thirtieth. It will be read to convention today. As

use a partial reply thereto I am mailing facts clear to the public. This is  
are you copy of report of Executive done by President Roosevelt, Fe-  
Council, American Federation of La-bruary 9.

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